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**CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES.** By Frederick Van Dyne. Rochester: The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. 1904. pp. xxvii, 385. 8vo.

On a subject so rarely treated and yet so important as citizenship a new textbook is most welcome. In this work the author deals only with the acquisition and loss of federal citizenship. He has made a most exhaustive collection of the authorities, and arranged them in logical and convenient form. In several ways, however, the book might be improved. It is made up largely of quotations from different cases and from the opinions of attorney-generals. The form is seriously impaired by the fact that the citations are put in the text. In several instances the author has merely combined several quotations without drawing from them the points of law for which they stand. This is often confusing, particularly when they seem inconsistent. For instance, his treatment of knowledge of the Constitution as a prerequisite to naturalization consists of extracts from four authorities, one of which seems totally inconsistent with the others. Another fault often serious is quotation at great length with infrequent summaries. As a result, one is often forced to read many pages to reach a conclusion which could much better have been brought out in the author's own words in a single page. In this way the treatment of the status of the inhabitants of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands suffers considerably.

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**CYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND PROCEDURE.** Edited by William Mack and Howard P. Nash. Vol. IX. New York: The American Law Book Co. London: Butterworth & Co. 1903. pp. 998. 4to.

The main articles in this volume, which treats of the subjects from Contempt to Corporation Court, are those on Contempt, Contracts, and Copyright. The title Contracts, by Mr. John D. Lawson, embraces more than half the volume, and is a very good illustration of the method which distinguishes this work from the similar American and English Encyclopædia of Law. Here all subordinate subjects, as Consideration, Fraud and Mistake, Duress, Illegality, etc., are treated under the head of Contracts, and are made accessible by the exhaustive and logical summary, as well as by numerous cross references. The policy of the American and English Encyclopædia, on the other hand, is to treat such subjects under their own names, with cross references. This would seem slightly more convenient for actual use, but may be offset by the greater unity of the present method.

The text is more voluminous than is usual in such a work, and seems in the main accurate. The citations are numerous, and in general comprehensive. Only actual use, however, can determine the practical value of such a publication.

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**CYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND PROCEDURE.** Annual Annotations, covering the subjects embraced by the first nine volumes. Edited by William Mack and Howard P. Nash. New York: The American Law Book Company. London: Butterworth & Co. 1904. pp. 474. 4to.

**A. TEXT-BOOK OF LEGAL MEDICINE AND TOXICOLOGY.** Edited by Frederick Peterson and Walter S. Haines. In two volumes. Vol. II. Philadelphia, New York, and London: W. B. Saunders & Company. 1904. pp. 825. 8vo.

**A. TREATISE ON STOCKS AND STOCKHOLDERS,** covering Watered Stock, Trusts, Consolidations, and Holding Companies. By Arthur L. Hellwell. St. Paul: Keefe-Davidson Company. 1903. pp. xxxiii, 1071. 8vo.

**AN AMERICAN CHANCELLOR.** An address delivered by Charles B. Elliot at the Law School of Yale University, March 25, 1903. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. 1903. pp. 30. 8vo.